IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE MR. K.S.RADHAKRISHNAN
&
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.N.KRISHNAN

WEDNESDAY, THE 14TH FEBRUARY 2007 / 25TH MAGHA 1928

DBA.No. 11 of 2007()

(IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF SANCTION FOR FINALISATION OF TENDERS IN REGARD TO THE SHOP ROOMS AT THE THOTTUVAKKOM AND KAIRALEEMADAM SHOPPING COMPLEXES, VAIKOM DEVASWOM UNDER THE TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD)

PETITIONER:

THE TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD,
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY ADV. SRI.P.PARAMESWARAN NAIR, SC, TDB

RESPONDENT:

THE DEPUTY EXAMINER,
LOCAL FUND AUDIT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI. M.R. SABU

THIS DEVASWOM BOARD APPLICATION HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 14/02/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY PASSED THE FOLLOWING:

P.R. RAMAN & V. K. MOHANAN, JJ.

DBAR 11/2007

DATED THIS, THE 8TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2008.

O R D E R

Raman, J.

This Court, on 26.9.1986 on CMP No. 896/81, had directed the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts (now re-designated as Director of Local Fund Audit) to issue Audit Report on the accounts of Cochin Devaswom Board for every year on or before 31st December of the succeeding year. The Devaswom Board was directed to produce all the vouchers, connected records and accounts for a year on or before 30th September of succeeding year. Accordingly, the Audit Report for the year 2006-07 has to be issued on or before 31.12.2007. It is stated that the Audit Report on the accounts of Cochin Devaswom Board for the year 2005-06 was issued on 30.9.2007. Though the Board authorities were requested to produce the vouchers, annual accounts and other records relating to the year 2006-07, they have not furnished the same till date. It is in these circumstances, that the Audit Report could not be issued for the year 2006-07. Petitioner has sought for extension of time for issuance of the Audit Report up to 30.9.2007.

2. Learned standing counsel appearing for the Cochin Devaswom

Board submitted that if the vouchers, annual accounts and other records relating to the year 2006-07 is not yet made available, certainly the same will be made available within one month. This submission is recorded. In the facts and circumstances, the time for issuing Audit Report for the year 2006-07 is extended up to 31st July, 2008.

3. It is submitted on behalf of the Devaswom Board that when the matter relating to Audit Report for the year 2000-01 - DBAR 3/2000 came up for consideration, it was noticed by this court that there are no sufficient number of employees in the Local Fund Audit and to avert any further delay they may be directed to appoint sufficient number of employees in this behalf.

Since we have already extended the time up to 31st July, 2008, petitioner may take necessary steps so as to avert any delay on account of dearth for staff and complete the Local Fund Audit on or before the said date.

P.R. RAMAN,
(JUDGE)

V. K. MOHANAN,
(JUDGE)

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